



## Project Development Process

Any state or federal agency proposing a project that uses public funds and may have a potential detrimental environmental effect must comply with the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) or the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Under SEPA/NEPA, agencies are required to evaluate the environmental impacts of their proposals. The evaluation generally follows a project development process that can be divided into the steps described below. These projects are currently in **Steps 6 and 8**.

**STEP 1:** Data collection and inventory of planning issues  
Study area/preliminary corridor development

**STEP 2:** First Citizens Informational Workshop  
Documentation of community concerns  
Selection of alternatives for detailed study

**STEP 3:** Preliminary design and detailed field studies  
Engineering/environmental analysis

**STEP 4:** Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)  
Corridor Public Hearing

**STEP 5:** Review comments on the DEIS  
Review public comments and hearing transcript  
Selection of the Preferred Alternative/Least Environmentally Damaging Practicable Alternative (LEDPA)

**STEP 6:** Preliminary design refinement ◀Hampstead Bypass (R-3300)  
Additional field studies (*Please Note: NCDOT representatives will require access to private property in order to conduct field studies.*)  
Design Public Meeting (U-4751)  
Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) ◀Military Cutoff Rd Extension (U-4751)/  
Hampstead Bypass (R-3300)  
State Record of Decision (SROD)

**STEP 7:** Design Public Hearing (R-3300)

**STEP 8:** Detailed Design ◀Military Cutoff Road Extension (U-4751)

**STEP 9:** Right-of-Way Acquisition

**STEP 10:** Final Design

**STEP 11:** Project Construction